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1. The river Warnow, which at present has a depth of six meters, is now being deepened another meter. Work is already in progress and the channel through the Breitling See is being deepened with the aid of explosives and dredgers. It is intended that a minimum depth of eight and a half meters from Warnemünde to Rostock be reached as a preliminary to starting the construction of large cargo boats in both shipyards.
2. The depth of water at the pier of the new fish warehouses (the old Heinkel yards), approximately six kilometers from Warnemünde, is only four meters. The whole area, previously owned by Heinkel, is being rebuilt for the DDR Fischkombinat.* The harbor for fishing boats is now being widened on all sides.
3. Between the fishing harbor on the Warnow river and the slaughter house at Bramow, are the oil and gas storage tanks previously belonging to Rhenania-Ossag. These works now belong to the DKMF.** Their capacity, which was 1,500 cu. meters, is being increased by 3,600 cubic meters. The new storage tanks and pipe lines are to be finished by the beginning of November 1951. They are to be used to hold diesel oil for the fishing fleet, to be based at the Heinkel yards, and for the new DDR merchant ships.

4. [redacted] the Bodden shipyards at Damngarten are to be closed. It is planned to evacuate the 600 workmen still employed there and bring them, together with their families and belongings, to Rostock where they are to be given employment in the Warnow and Neptun shipyards. He went on to say that he himself did not know why the decision to close Damngarten had been taken.

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* [redacted] Comment: The Lehrlingswerkstätten der Heinkel AG, Rostock, was renamed the VEB Fischkonservenfabrik Rostock.

** [redacted] Comment: Deutsche Kraftstoff-u. Mineralölzentrale

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